



Attachment to 2 November 1978 memo, 12/1 to 12/8, subject  
"Flying Saucers in Afghanistan".

Below is a copy of a UP article on flying objects in Afghanistan.

Kabul: Afghanistan, October 10. (AP)

Two witness reports reaching Kabul said today the Soviets are testing a revolutionary battle-shaped aircraft at a secret base in the remote and mountainous regions of north Afghanistan.

More than 1000 residents of the Afghan "corridor" - a finger of land jutting eastward towards the China - reported seeing the strange craft which they first said looked like a "flying saucer."

The description of the saucer-shaped was almost identical. They said it was a disc like a nuclear bomb about 20 feet high, with "pins" extending down from the bottom edge; apparently similar to the new United States flying platform.

Fire appeared to be shooting out of the top and from the bottom and there was a "big wind" which officials took to be the downward thrust of the air at high speed. The craft had a blue band around the middle and port holes, witnesses said.

The aircraft was seen on two separate occasions. Each time it apparently took off from the Russian field, flew along the corridor at a low altitude, hovered, went up and down, and then sped away to the north at high speed.

Officials said the natives of the region were familiar with modern day jets, helicopters and airplanes. They were questioned when reports of "flying saucers" reached the northeast Afghanistan town of Faizabad three weeks ago.

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